

TF Vector Control (Harvey) Summary September 14, 2017 (1:00 PM CDT)

Current Members:

TX Department of State Health Services
TX Department of Agriculture
ESF 8/Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
FEMA- Emergency Services
FEMA -Public Assistance
FEMA- Environmental Historical Preservation
FEMA External Affairs
FEMA Ops
Department of Defense/910th Airlift Wing
EPA
US Fish and Wildlife

Current Situation:

Texas requested federal support for Vector Control (mosquito). Current requirements have exceeded local and state capabilities. FEMA is coordinating federal vector control support in coordination with Texas Department of State Health Services (TX DSHS). Dr. Whitney Qualls, Medical Entomologist, TX DSHS is the Project Coordinator for vector control.

TX DSHS continues to determine local jurisdiction needs and capacity. Local jurisdictions with current plans and capacity will conduct activities themselves. The remainder of affected counties will be supported by TX DSHS contract with Clarke Mosquito, Inc. (Clarke), and Vector Disease Control International (VDCI), and Department of Defense (DoD) aerial assets.

TX DSHS continues to receive State of Texas Assistance Requests (STAR) from affected counties for mosquito aerial spray support (Attachment A).

TX DSHS updated its mosquito spray mission maps on September 14, 2017 (Attachment B). As additional needs are identified through STARs, TXDSHS will coordinate with DoD to update maps.

TX DSHS's contractor Clarke completed spray operations in Lavaca, Kleberg, Jim Wells, and Kennedy counties during the evening hours of September 13, 2017. Clarke is scheduled to conduct spray operation during the evening hours of September 14, 2017 in Aransas, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Calhoun, and Jackson counties.

Two modular aerial spray system (MASS) aircraft from the 910th Airlift Wing conducted spray operations in Jefferson, Chambers, and Brazoria counties during the evening hours of September 13, 2017, treating 212,284 acres. Since September 9, 2017, DoD has treated 853,147 acres, with operations in Orange County now complete. Three MASS aircraft

scheduled to complete missions in Harris, Liberty, and Brazoria counties during the evening hours of September 14, 2017.

VDCI is scheduled to begin aerial spray operations in Hardin County during the evening hours on September 14, 2017.

Empty pesticide containers are being returned to the originating vendor daily.

FEMA external affairs and DoD PIO are coordinating closely with TX DSHS media affairs on messaging for DoD aerial spray mission. Most current TX DSHS press release attached (Attachment C).

Dr. Whitney Qualls (whitney.qualls@dshs.texas.gov), TX DSHS, State Coordinator will circulate all public messaging, product data, and processes centrally through the State.

Tasks: None

Next TF Vector Control (Harvey) Teleconference: 3:00pm CDT September 15, 2017